



# PREPAREDNESS NEWS AND INFORMATION

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### [Raising The Floor Keeps Richmond, Virginia Business Dry During Tropical Storm Gaston Flood](#)

FEMA, November 4, 2004

When the owners of a new Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar franchise considered opening in the historic Shockoe Bottom entertainment district of Richmond, Va., they knew the area was prone to flooding.

#### [Reduced Flood Risk = Lower Insurance Costs](#)

### [U.S. Awards Anthrax Vaccine Deal](#)

*The Washington Post*, November 5, 2004

The government awarded its first contract under the Project Bioshield program yesterday -- an \$877 million deal with a small California company to make 75 million doses of a newly developed anthrax vaccine.

#### [U.S. Awards A Contract For Anthrax Vaccine](#)

### [How FEMA Delivered Florida For Bush](#)

*GovExec.com*, November 3, 2004

Now that President Bush has won Florida in his 2004 re-election bid, he may want to draft a letter of appreciation to Michael Brown, chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Seldom has any federal agency had the opportunity to so directly and uniquely alter the course of a presidential election, and seldom has any agency delivered for a president as FEMA did in Florida this fall.

### [Lockheed Martin To Upgrade Airport Explosives Detectors](#)

*Associated Press*, November 4, 2004

Lockheed Martin will oversee improvements for explosives detection systems for U-S airports. The Transportation Security Administration has allocated more than five (m) million dollars for the design, development and test phases of the project.

### [New Coast Guard Antiterrorism Unit Comes To Alaska](#)

*Associated Press*, November 2, 2004\

A new rapid-response military force has found a home in Alaska. The Coast Guard antiterrorism unit assigned to by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is one of nine such teams currently stationed at ports throughout the country.

### [Why Yoran Left His Cybersecurity Post](#)

*SearchSecurity.com*, November 4, 2004

Technically, Amit Yoran was the director of the Department of Homeland Security's National Cyber Security Division. At DHS, he had a tough job: Merging various federal security agencies under one roof to secure the nation's critical infrastructure and leading the defense of the federal governments IT assets.

### [Nuclear Plants Meet Deadline For Security Improvements](#)

*GovExec.com*, November 1, 2004

The main trade organization for the U.S. nuclear industry announced Friday that all 103 U.S. nuclear power plants have implemented increased security measures in response to changes made by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as to the type of terrorist threat plants must be able to defend against.

## THE CONGRESS

### 9/11 Report Left Out CIA Investigation Of Intelligence Failures

*GovExec.com*, October 28, 2004

Key staff members of the 9/11 Commission left an internal CIA review of intelligence failures leading up to the attacks out its final report, the former executive director of the commission said Thursday.

### Ridge Urged To Send Homeland Security Funds To Most At-Risk Cities

*The Westbury Times*, November 5, 2004

Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy 4th C.D. joined colleagues from the New York Congressional delegation in calling on Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge to limit the number of cities eligible for federal funding under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).

## STATE AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

### New Hometown Security Institute To Be Based In Kentucky

*Associated Press*, November 4, 2004

A research and development organization that will promote the study of homeland security will be based in southern Kentucky, U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers said Thursday.

### Aoygai To Be County's Homeland Security Chief

*ABC 7 News*, November 1, 2004

Montgomery County's fire administrator will take over as the county's new homeland security director, starting next year.

### FEMA Grant To Pay For Acquisition, Demolition Of Mobile-Home Park

*Augusta Free Press*, November 2, 2004

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced on Monday that it had awarded the city of Waynesboro a \$262,500 grant that the city had applied for last year to use toward the acquisition and demolition of a mobile-home park that was damaged in a September 2003 flood.

### First Responders Convene In Louisville

*Winston County Journal*, November 4, 2004

Fire chiefs, law enforcement agents and emergency service personnel gathered at the Taylor Big Red Fire Museum in Louisville Thursday to discuss issues facing these "first responders."

### St. Tammany Parish Setting Up Bomb Squad With Security Grants

*The Times-Picayune*, November 4, 2004

St. Tammany Parish has used two federal grants totaling \$537,000 to train and equip a Sheriff's Office bomb squad and arm the parish's 14 fire departments with gas-detection monitors and temperature-sensitive cameras.

### Preparing For The Unthinkable

*VallejoNews.com*, November 2, 2004

For three days, more than 50 participants from thirteen different agencies participated in a security training and exercise program designed for public works agencies to help secure Vallejo in case of a major terrorist attack.

### Suggested: Quick-Dial Phone Gear For Nuclear Emergencies

*The Patriot Ledger*, November 4, 2004

Sirens would not be enough to warn Duxbury residents in a nuclear emergency, the town's nuclear advisory committee says. The committee would like to see the town install a rapid-dial telephone system to notify all residents of an emergency.

### **Security Grants Neglect Basics**

*The Denver Post*, October 31, 2004

Local responders say they need more personnel and everyday equipment.

### **Martin County Found Eligible For FEMA Assistance**

*Fairmont Sentinel*, November 4, 2004

Representatives from Martin County townships, Martin County Commissioners, and city and school authorities found out Wednesday morning how federal money is available to be used for damages caused by the September flooding.

### **Volunteer Case Managers Needed For Long Term Recovery**

*The Brewton Standard*, November 1, 2004

As more information is gathered by FEMA, the number of families in Escambia County who have unmet needs as a result of Hurricane Ivan swells.

### **Police Suggest Tighter Security: Locked Doors At Schools Advocated**

*Burlington Union*, November 4, 2004

Police Chief Fran Hart and Youth Services Officer Tom Fournier have sent an advisory letter to the school department suggesting schools consider one locked access point with a person monitoring at each school.

### **Wolf Poison Raises Alarms About Its Terrorism Potential**

*The Oregonian*, November 3, 2004

An odorless, colorless and tasteless poison used to kill coyotes and wolves in Western states is under review by the Department of Homeland Security for its potential as a terrorist weapon.

### **Acquisition Or Elevation: Yardley Considers Flood Mitigation Measures**

*Yardley News*, November 3, 2004

It was standing room only at the Yardley Borough flood mitigation meeting on October 27 where flood victims' worries were vented and, for some, their concerns were eased.

## **RELATED INFORMATION**

### **SPOTLIGHT WEBSITES**

- [National Incident Management System Introductory Course](#)

### **OPINION**

- [Crowds And Calm At The Polls](#), November 3, 2004
- [Fixing Infrastructure Deficiencies in Homeland Security](#), November 1, 2004
- [Four More Years](#), November 4, 2004
- [Homeland Security Priorities](#), November 4, 2004
- [Are We Ready?](#), November 2004

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